Cancer Endorsement
Maintenance Phase I

Voting Webinar

June 15, 2012
Webinar Goals

- Provides opportunity for clarification and questions prior to voting, including reviewing:
  - Project scope
  - Measures recommended for endorsement
  - Overarching issues
  - Summary of comments and responses
Project Scope

- 44 measures will be reviewed in the project over two phases
  - The measures address the following topic areas:

Phase 1:
- Hematology
- Melanoma
- Prostate cancer
- Palliative care for cancer patients at the end of life
- Medical and radiation oncology
- Lung cancer

Phase 2:
- Colorectal cancer
- Breast cancer
# Measures Recommended-Phase 1

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| Reasons for Not Recommending | Importance - 3 | Scientific Acceptability - 1 | N/A |

*Includes 2 untested measures eligible for **time-limited endorsement**.
Phase 1:
- There were 109 comments received on the phase 1 draft report from 14 member organizations.

Comment themes:
- The comments overall were largely supportive of the Steering Committee recommendations for endorsement.
- Concern regarding the clarity and burden of measures 0383 and 0384 (Oncology Pain measures)
- Request for reconsideration of measure 0562: Overutilization of Imaging Studies in Melanoma
- Concern regarding the understandability and usability of the Palliative Measures (0210-0216)
- Request for reconsideration of measure 0212: Proportion with more than one hospitalization in the last 30 days of life
Impact of Comments

- Measures 0383 and 0384
  - Recommendations for elimination of patients with mild pain from the denominator in future updates of the measures.
- Reconsideration of measure 0562
  - Reversal of initial recommendation that the measure not be endorsed.
- Palliative measures (0210-0216)
  - Reaffirmation of the intent of the measures, which is to demonstrate variation in practice, not set a threshold for the interventions to never occur.
- Reconsideration of measure 0212
  - Reaffirmation of the Steering Committee’s recommendation that the measure not be endorsed.
Questions??